THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) A notification titled "Wheat (Stock Declaration by Companies or Firms or Individuals) Order 2007' has been issued by the Department of Food & Public Distribution under the Essential Commodities Act 1955 on 1.3.2007. The Order provides that any Company or Firm or Individual who purchases wheat beyond 50,000 tonnes (total purchases made throughout the country) during the RMS 2007-08 shall furnish to the Central Government a return indicating the name/address of the company, quantity of wheat purchased and quantity held in stock. The return is to be submitted every week during the period 15th March to 31st May, 2007 and thereafter on monthly basis upto 31st December, 2007. The order is not applicable to purchases made for the Central Pool.

Farmers dues on sugar mills in U.P.

†2778. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of dues of farmers on all sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh, as on 28th February, 2006;

(b) the payment made to the farmers by these sugar mills against their dues till 15th March, 2007;

(c) the total sugarcane arrears of farmers at present;

(d) the estimated production of sugar in lakh tonnes during the current crushing season; and

(e) the break-up of arrears of the farmers for sugarcane on Government sugar mills, cooperative sugar mills and private sugar mills till 15th March, 2007, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH):

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) The total amount of outstanding dues of farmers on all sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh, as on 28th February, 2006, were as under:-

Sugar Season	Cane price arrears (Rs. in lakh)
2005-06	10277.40
2004-05	337.31
2003-04 & earlier	11563.66

(b) There are no outstanding cane price arrears payable by the sugar mills of Uttar Pradesh for the sugar season 2005-06. The cane price arrears for the sugar season 2004-05 & earlier period which stood at Rs. 11900.97 lakhs, (Rs. 11563.66 + Rs. 337.31) as on 28th February, 2006 have been brought down to Rs. 8455.02 Lakhs as on 15th March, 2007.

(c) The total sugarcane arrears of farmers in Uttar Pradesh, as on 15th March, 2007 were as under:—

Sugar Season	Cane price arrears (Rs. in lakh)
2006-07	26413. 78
2005-06	Nil
2004-05 & earlier	8455.02

(d) The production of sugar in Uttar Pradesh during the current sugar season 2006-07 is presently estimated to be over 73.00 Lakh tons.

(e) The Sector-wise break up of the cane price arrears on sugar mills of Uttar Pradesh, as on 15th March, 2007 is as under:—

(Rs. in lakh.)

Sector	Cane price arrears for 2006-07 season	Cane price arrears for 2005-06 season	Cane price arrears for 2004-05 season & earlier
Public	13445.41	Nil	Nil
Cooperative	9313.77	Nil	Nil
Private.	26413.78	Nil	8455.02
TOTAL	49172.96	Nil	8455.02